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SUBJECT: MEETING ON OZONE LAYER

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 2, REFTEL (B),
UNEP CAN BE ASSURED THAT WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT
THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN SUBJECT MEETING COULD BE
IN RANGE 100-150. WE ALSO AGREE THAT SIMULTANEOUS INTER-
PRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED. HOWEVER, UNEP PERMREP IS
REQUESTED TO REVIEW WITH SECRETARIAT WHETHER INTERPRETA-
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TION IN ALL FIVE UN LANGUAGES IS ACTUALLY NECESSARY.

IN VIEW OF THE SCIENTIFIC NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER, THE FACT THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT CHINESE WILL PARTICIPATE, ETC., JUSTIFICATION APPEARS TO EXIST FOR PROVIDING INTERPRETATION IN LESS THAN FIVE LANGUAGES. (FYI: ENGLISH AND FRENCH WOULD BE NATURAL STARTERS, WITH SPANISH DEPENDING ON THE ATTENDANCE AND PERHAPS RUSSIAN AS WELL. END FYI.) WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, PARTICULARLY IN CASES SUCH AS SUBJECT MEETING WHERE ONE HAS AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS VICE FORMAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, UNEP IS REASONABLY CONVINCED THAT INTERPRETATION IN ALL FIVE LANGUAGES IS NECESSARY, WE WILL OF COURSE PROVIDE THE SERVICE.

2. ON A SEPARATE ISSUE, PERMREP IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL A) WITH APPROPRIATE UNEP OFFICIALS THAT INVITATIONS TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL IN FACT BE CAREFULLY WORDED SO AS TO ASSURE (1) THAT ONLY EXPERTS FROM COUNTRIES ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN OZONE LAYER RESEARCH AND/OR ANALYSIS WILL ATTEND AND (2) THAT IT WILL BE CLEAR TO ADDRESSEE GOVERNMENTS THAT THE EXPERTS THEY SEND SHOULD BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS CAPABILITIES OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD. (WHILE WE DO NOT EXPECT THE VARIOUS EXPERTS TO BE IN A POSITION TO COMMIT THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO UNDERTAKE ANY PARTICULAR NEW ACTIVITY IN THE FUTURE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY AT LEAST KNOW THE GENERAL CAPABILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.) APROPOS THESE EXPERTS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS RATHER THAN ONLY "NOMINATED," AND THAT GOVERNMENT EXPERTS WILL HAVE THE SAME STATUS IN THE MEETING AS REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. LASTLY, PERMREP IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM UNEP THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL SERVE AS FOCAL POINT FOR PURPOSES OF FOLLOW-UP ON MATTERS OF LOGISTICS, PRE-CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION, ETC. (DEPT. WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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